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DIRT CUP WITH FILTER

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Transmitted for filing in the above-referenced patent application are the following:

- ☒ A Declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- ☒ A copy of the Notice to File Missing Requirements of Application.
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3. Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16.

Additionally, the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 included an observation that the claims were not numbered consecutively, and therefore, the annex was not entered. Applicant respectfully submits that the claims were consecutively numbered, however, claim 2 inadvertently was appended to the final paragraph of claim 1; also claim 5 was appended to the final paragraph of claim 4, and claim 15 was appended to the final paragraph of claim 14. Applicant submits herewith a new copy of the claims which corrects this technical error. No other changes have been made to the claims. Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are now in a form to be entered.

Respectfully submitted,

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